

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to and rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance.

I. STATUS OF CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-8 are pending. Claims 1 and 5-8 are amended. Claims 1, 7 and 8 are independent.

No new matter is added by these amendments.

It is submitted that these claims are in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. The amendments and remarks herein are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 101, 102, 103 or 112; but rather the amendments and remarks are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicant is entitled.

II. OBJECTIONS TO THE DRAWINGS

The drawings were objected to under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a), the Examiner alleging that the first display means and the contents lack representation therein. Applicant has amended claim 1 to recite, "display means", which is described on page 17, second full paragraph and shown in Figure 5 as element 60. The functionality of the display means, as claimed in claim 6, is described on page 29 in the first and second paragraphs and shown in Figure 7. Applicant hereby amends claims 7 and 8 to recite "contents data" in the preamble, which is similar to the preamble of claim 1. Content data is shown in Figure 6 as elements 91-1...91-N and described

in the Specification at page 9, line 16. Thus, Applicant submits that every feature specified in the claims is shown in the drawings.

Consequently, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to the drawings are respectfully requested.

III. 35 U.S.C. §112, FIRST PARAGRAPH, REJECTION

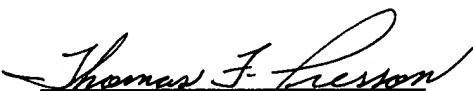
Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, because of phrases in claims 1, 7 and 8. As stated above, claims 7 and 8 are hereby amended to recite “contents data”. Also, claim 1 is hereby amended to recite that the information processing apparatus performs the distinguishing function that distinguishes between first and second suffixes. This function is described at pages 31, line 22-page 34, line 33 of the specification and shown in Figure 11 as elements 136 and 137 and Figure 12 as steps S2 and S4.

Consequently, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Section 112, first paragraph, rejection are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that this Amendment After Final does not require further search or consideration, and this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of the rejections, and prompt issuance of the Notice of Allowance are, therefore, all earnestly solicited.

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